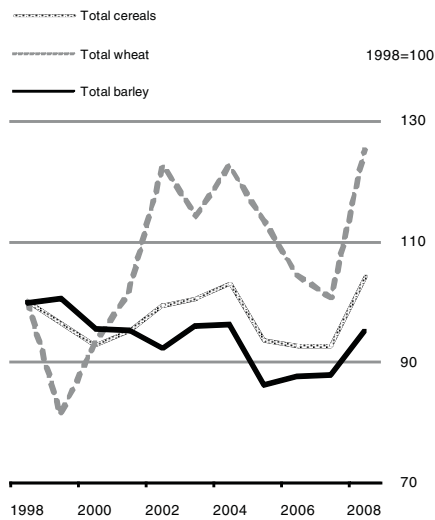




Crops and Livestock Survey June 2008 - Final Results

Index of area under cereals



	Total Cereals	Cattle	Sheep
	'000 ha	'000	'000
June 2007	278.9	6,704.1	5,521.6
June 2008	313.8	6,719.9	5,061.4
% change	+12.5%	+0.2%	-8.3%

Area under cereals up 12.5% in June 2008

The final results from the June 2008 agricultural survey show that the area under cereals has increased by 34,900 ha (12.5%) to 313,800. There was an increase in all of the main cereals, with the area under wheat increasing by 20,600 ha (24.5%), the area under oats increasing by 2,000 ha (9.5%) and the area under barley increasing by 13,700 ha (8.2%). *See Table 1.*

The results also indicate that the numbers of sheep have continued to decline and are at their lowest since 1986. The 2008 figure of 5,061,400 was 8.3% lower than the previous year. This decrease was due to reductions of 182,500 (-7.6%) in ewes 2 years and over, 57,500 (-12.7%) in ewes under 2 years, 7,800 (-8.7%) in rams and 212,400 (-8.2%) in other sheep. *See Table 2.*

A comparison with the June 2007 results indicates that:

- ◆ Cattle numbers increased by 15,800 (0.2%). Dairy heifers increased by 7,700 (3.5%) and dairy cows increased by 26,900 (2.5%). However, there was a decrease of 25,600 (-4.2%) in males 2 years and over. *See Table 2.*
- ◆ Pig numbers fell 7.6% to 1,466,500 with boars decreasing by 19.1%. *See Table 2.*
- ◆ The area under potatoes increased by 1.9% to 12,000 ha. *See Table 1.*

A regional analysis of the livestock numbers indicates that the largest number of sheep (1,358,700) was in the West region, the largest number of cattle (1,316,900) was in the South-West region and the largest number of pigs (444,000) was in the Border region. *See Tables 4 & 5.*

Cereals area figures for each EU country are given at the back of this release.

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Diagram 1 : Numbers of total cattle and sheep in each region, June 2008

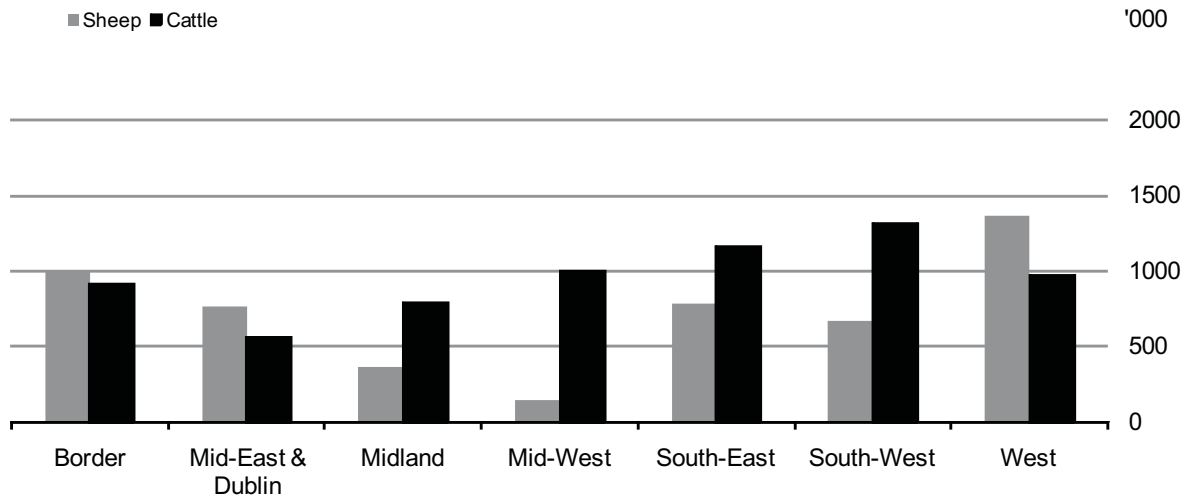


Diagram 2 : Change in areas under certain crops, June 2007 - 2008

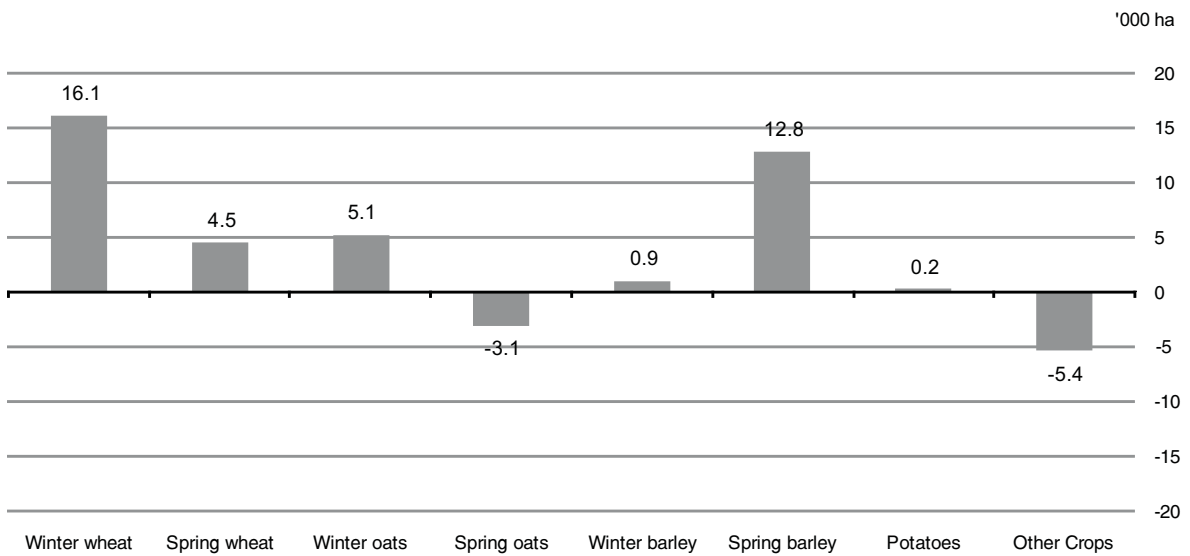


Table 1 Area under Crops and Pasture

Description	June	June	June	Change 2007 - 2008	
	2006	2007	2008	' 000 hectares	' 000 ha
					%
Wheat - total	87.5	84.3	104.9	20.6	24.5
Winter wheat	59.2	64.7	80.8	16.1	24.9
Spring wheat	28.3	19.6	24.1	4.5	23.2
Oats - total	20.4	21.3	23.3	2.0	9.5
Winter oats	9.3	13.5	18.6	5.1	37.9
Spring oats	11.1	7.8	4.7	-3.1	-39.7
Barley - total	167.0	167.5	181.2	13.7	8.2
Winter barley	15.1	18.7	19.7	0.9	4.9
Spring barley	151.9	148.8	161.6	12.8	8.6
Other cereals	4.9	5.8	4.3	-1.5	-25.2
Total cereals	279.8	278.9	313.8	34.9	12.5
Beans and peas	4.3	2.9	2.4	-0.5	-16.2
Oilseed rape	5.1	8.2	6.7	-1.5	-18.3
Arable silage	14.7	17.0	29.6	12.6	74.1
Maize silage	20.2	20.9	20.8	-0.1	-0.5
Fodder rape and kale	2.4	2.0	2.2	0.2	7.5
Potatoes	11.5	11.7	12.0	0.2	1.9
Turnips	1.2	1.1	1.1	-0.1	-5.8
Beet ¹	9.3	7.8	7.3	-0.5	-6.9
Vegetables for sale	3.9	4.2	4.0	-0.1	-3.3
Fruit	1.5	1.6	1.4	-0.2	-12.3
Nurseries, horticulture etc.	1.4	1.2	1.3	0.1	6.8
Other crops ²	25.8	21.8	16.4	-5.4	-24.7
Total crops, fruit and horticulture	381.0	379.4	418.9	39.5	10.4
Silage	1,211.2	1,039.9	1,034.8	-5.1	-0.5
Hay	264.6	243.3	238.1	-5.2	-2.2
Pasture	1,932.7	2,158.5	2,062.3	-96.2	-4.5
Crops and Pasture	3,789.5	3,821.1	3,754.1	-67.0	-1.8
Rough grazing in use	471.0	454.8	445.8	-9.0	-2.0
Area farmed	4,260.5	4,275.9	4,199.9	-76.0	-1.8

¹ Includes sugar beet and fodder beet. *See background notes.*

² Includes fallow land.

Table 2 Number of Livestock

Description	June	June	June	Change 2007 - 2008	
	2006	2007	2008	' 000	%
Total cattle	6,915.9	6,704.1	6,719.9	15.8	0.2
Breeding cattle	2,779.7	2,706.4	2,735.6	29.2	1.1
Dairy cows ¹	1,109.2	1,087.0	1,113.9	26.9	2.5
Other cows	1,215.4	1,180.9	1,179.9	-0.9	-0.1
Dairy heifers ²	228.7	217.8	225.4	7.7	3.5
Other heifers	157.0	152.8	147.9	-4.9	-3.2
Bulls	69.3	68.0	68.5	0.5	0.7
Other cattle	4,136.2	3,997.6	3,984.3	-13.4	-0.3
Male: 2 years and over	639.7	614.5	589.0	-25.6	-4.2
Female: 2 years and over	311.5	313.8	313.1	-0.7	-0.2
Male: 1-2 years	915.7	843.9	842.5	-1.5	-0.2
Female: 1-2 years	638.1	631.9	623.8	-8.0	-1.3
Male: under 1 year	801.7	784.5	801.2	16.7	2.1
Female: under 1 year	829.5	809.0	814.7	5.7	0.7
Total sheep	5,973.2	5,521.6	5,061.4	-460.2	-8.3
Breeding sheep	3,200.0	2,943.8	2,695.9	-247.8	-8.4
Ewes: 2 years and over	2,619.7	2,402.1	2,219.5	-182.5	-7.6
: under 2 years	484.6	452.1	394.6	-57.5	-12.7
Rams	95.7	89.6	81.8	-7.8	-8.7
Other sheep	2,773.2	2,577.8	2,365.4	-212.4	-8.2
Total pigs	1,643.2	1,587.8	1,466.5	-121.3	-7.6
Breeding pigs	169.4	165.4	156.8	-8.6	-5.2
Female breeding pigs	167.5	163.6	155.3	-8.3	-5.1
Boars	1.9	1.8	1.5	-0.3	-19.1
Other pigs	1,473.8	1,422.4	1,309.7	-112.7	-7.9
20kg and over	1,037.5	972.5	922.3	-50.2	-5.2
Less than 20kg	436.3	449.9	387.4	-62.5	-13.9
Horses and ponies	86.6	89.2	95.7	6.5	7.3
Mules, jennets and asses	7.0	7.2	8.8	1.6	21.9
Goats	6.7	7.3	8.9	1.6	22.0
Farmed deer	9.3	9.6	9.7	0.1	1.6

¹ Dairy cows are those kept principally to produce milk for human consumption.

² Heifers in calf intended for the dairy herd.

Table 3 Area under Crops and Pasture in each Region, June 2008

' 000 ha

Region	Border, Midland and Western				Southern and Eastern					State
	Border	Midland	West	Total	Mid-East & Dublin	Mid-West	South-East	South-West	Total	
Wheat - total	8.9	6.3	0.3	15.6	43.5	1.4	28.2	16.2	89.3	104.9
Winter wheat	8.7	4.7	0.2	13.5	38.1	0.9	18.5	9.7	67.2	80.8
Spring wheat	0.3	1.7	0.2	2.1	5.4	0.5	9.7	6.5	22.1	24.1
Oats - total	2.7	2.0	0.6	5.4	4.9	0.7	9.0	3.4	17.9	23.3
Winter oats	1.6	1.8	0.1	3.6	4.4	0.6	7.4	2.7	15.0	18.6
Spring oats	1.1	0.2	0.5	1.8	0.5	0.1	1.6	0.7	2.9	4.7
Barley - total	16.3	21.4	3.0	40.7	31.6	6.6	71.4	31.0	140.5	181.2
Winter barley	4.9	1.6	0.1	6.7	6.1	0.3	3.3	3.3	13.0	19.7
Spring barley	11.4	19.8	2.8	34.0	25.6	6.3	68.1	27.6	127.6	161.6
Other cereals	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.6	0.1	1.7	1.4	3.8	4.3
Total cereals	28.2	29.9	4.0	62.2	80.7	8.8	110.2	52.0	251.6	313.8
Beans and peas	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.3	1.0	0.1	0.6	0.5	2.1	2.4
Oilseed rape	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.9	1.0	2.1	1.6	1.0	5.8	6.7
Arable silage	5.9	2.3	9.4	17.6	1.3	3.9	2.7	4.0	11.9	29.6
Maize silage	2.8	1.9	0.5	5.3	3.3	1.2	4.8	6.3	15.6	20.8
Fodder rape and kale	0.1	0.8	0.1	1.0	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.5	1.2	2.2
Potatoes	3.0	0.4	0.3	3.7	5.1	0.3	1.7	1.2	8.3	12.0
Turnips	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.8	1.1
Beet ¹	0.2	1.0	0.1	1.3	0.5	0.4	3.1	2.1	6.0	7.3
Vegetables for sale	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.9	2.1	0.1	0.5	0.4	3.1	4.0
Fruit	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.6	0.1	1.1	1.4
Nurseries, horticulture etc.	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.2	1.0	1.3
Other crops ²	2.3	1.1	3.0	6.4	2.3	1.1	4.2	2.5	10.1	16.4
Crops, fruit and horticulture	43.6	38.4	18.4	100.4	98.7	18.2	130.5	71.1	318.5	418.9
Silage	161.8	111.6	171.1	444.5	70.8	155.7	166.7	197.1	590.3	1,034.8
Hay	33.9	28.2	39.9	102.0	25.2	30.1	40.2	40.6	136.1	238.1
Pasture	343.7	221.5	383.9	949.2	191.5	282.1	297.7	341.8	1,113.1	2,062.3
Crops and pasture	583.0	399.8	613.3	1,596.1	386.2	486.2	635.0	650.6	2,158.0	3,754.1
Rough grazing in use	115.9	15.7	108.0	239.5	15.0	43.5	27.4	120.4	206.3	445.8
Area farmed	698.9	415.4	721.3	1,835.6	401.3	529.7	662.3	771.0	2,364.3	4,199.9

¹ Includes sugar beet and fodder beet. See background notes.

² Includes fallow land.

Table 4 Number of Cattle and Sheep in each Region, June 2008

' 000

Region	Border, Midland and Western				Southern and Eastern					State
	Border	Midland	West	Total	Mid-East & Dublin	Mid-West	South-East	South-West	Total	
Total cattle	917.4	791.2	968.3	2,676.9	564.1	998.2	1,163.9	1,316.9	4,043.0	6,719.9
Breeding cattle	382.3	269.3	364.5	1,016.2	197.9	414.7	485.8	621.0	1,719.5	2,735.6
Dairy cows ¹	114.7	78.4	54.2	247.3	80.7	176.7	244.6	364.6	866.6	1,113.9
Other cows	209.1	149.9	260.4	619.5	87.2	170.4	157.8	145.1	560.5	1,179.9
Dairy heifers ²	22.0	17.1	10.9	50.0	14.7	35.2	51.6	74.0	175.5	225.4
Other heifers	25.6	17.4	28.6	71.6	10.9	21.4	21.4	22.6	76.3	147.9
Bulls	11.0	6.4	10.4	27.9	4.4	11.0	10.4	14.8	40.6	68.5
Other cattle	535.0	521.9	603.8	1,660.7	366.1	583.5	678.0	695.9	2,323.6	3,984.3
Male: 2 years and over	63.5	91.9	90.9	246.3	78.1	89.0	95.9	79.7	342.7	589.0
Female: 2 years and over	48.9	46.0	60.4	155.3	36.6	40.0	42.2	39.1	157.9	313.1
Male: 1-2 years	107.4	113.3	117.1	337.9	76.2	120.2	162.4	145.9	504.6	842.5
Female: 1-2 years	86.9	84.0	97.1	267.9	59.3	82.5	110.2	104.0	355.9	623.8
Male: under 1 year	113.5	98.0	122.6	334.1	57.0	131.9	117.2	161.0	467.0	801.2
Female: under 1 year	114.9	88.6	115.8	319.3	59.1	120.0	150.1	166.3	495.5	814.7
Total sheep	993.6	361.6	1,358.7	2,713.9	761.0	144.6	776.7	665.2	2,347.5	5,061.4
Breeding sheep	544.5	183.7	720.4	1,448.6	380.8	72.1	402.0	392.5	1,247.4	2,695.9
Ewes: 2 years and over	448.9	159.1	589.8	1,197.8	308.0	61.3	328.9	323.6	1,021.7	2,219.5
: under 2 years	77.5	18.9	109.7	206.1	61.8	7.9	61.0	57.9	188.5	394.6
Rams	18.1	5.7	20.9	44.7	11.1	3.0	12.0	11.0	37.1	81.8
Other sheep	449.1	177.9	638.3	1,265.3	380.2	72.5	374.7	272.8	1,100.2	2,365.4

¹ Dairy cows are those kept principally to produce milk for human consumption.

² Heifers in calf intended for the dairy herd.

Table 5 Number of Pigs and Other Livestock in each Region, June 2008

' 000

Region	Border, Midland and Western				Southern and Eastern					State
	Border	Midland	West	Total	Mid-East & Dublin	Mid-West	South-East	South-West	Total	
Total pigs	444.0	168.8	49.1	661.9	65.4	80.9	305.4	352.8	804.6	1,466.5
Breeding pigs	47.6	20.6	4.5	72.7	7.4	9.6	30.8	36.2	84.1	156.8
Female breeding pigs	47.3	20.5	4.5	72.3	7.3	9.6	30.2	36.0	83.1	155.3
Boars	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.6	0.3	1.0	1.5
Other pigs	396.5	148.2	44.5	589.2	58.0	71.3	274.6	316.6	720.5	1,309.7
20kg and over	278.6	115.6	29.5	423.7	37.4	49.2	196.6	215.4	498.6	922.3
Less than 20kg	117.9	32.5	15.0	165.4	20.7	22.0	78.0	101.2	221.9	387.4
Horses and ponies	10.7	7.4	17.3	35.4	13.6	15.4	19.7	11.8	60.3	95.7
Mules, jennets and asses	2.1	0.6	2.6	5.3	0.3	0.8	0.7	1.7	3.5	8.8
Goats	1.3	0.4	1.5	3.2	0.9	0.8	1.0	2.9	5.6	8.9
Farmed deer	1.3	0.9	1.3	3.5	1.0	1.4	2.5	1.3	6.2	9.7

Background Notes

Introduction This release presents final estimates of land utilisation and livestock numbers in June 2008 at State level and Regional level. The estimates are based on returns from the June 2008 Crops and Livestock Survey and June 2008 Pig Survey.

Coverage Farms where the agricultural area used was at least 1 hectare (2.47 acres) may be included in the June Agricultural Survey. Farms with less than 1 hectare may also be included if they were engaged in intensive production (e.g. pigs, poultry).

Results The results are based on the trends between June 2007 and June 2008 obtained by comparing the results from the 2007 sample with the 2008 returns for the same 18,900 farms.

As the figures in the text and tables have been rounded to the nearest 100 units there may be slight discrepancies between the sum (or difference) of the constituent items and the total shown. Percentage changes have been calculated on actual figures.

In February 2006, the EU formally adopted a reform on the EU sugar regime. This resulted in the end of sugar production in Ireland and a sharp drop in the area under sugar beet. Therefore, areas under sugar beet and fodder beet will no longer be reported separately but are combined to give an overall figure for area under beet.

Current and historical survey results at State and Regional level are also available on the Database Direct service at www.cso.ie.

Comparison with DAFF CMMS Data The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Cattle Movement Monitoring System (CMMS) has provided new administrative information on cattle numbers and on flows into/out of the cattle population since December 2002. Overall, the CMMS figure for the start of June 2007 indicated total cattle numbers some 3.1% higher than the CSO estimate for 1 June 2007.

The CSO is continuing to compare the CMMS and CSO survey figures at farm level, in order to provide a more detailed analysis and explanation of the reasons for the differences in level between the two sources of data.

Composition of Regions *Border, Midland and Western NUTS 2 Region*

Border	Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Louth, Monaghan and Sligo
Midland	Laois, Longford, Offaly and Westmeath
West	Galway City, Galway County, Mayo and Roscommon

Southern and Eastern NUTS 2 Region

Dublin	Dublin City, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal and South Dublin
Mid-East	Kildare, Meath and Wicklow
Mid-West	Limerick City, Limerick County, Clare and North Tipperary
South-East	Waterford City, Waterford County, Carlow, Kilkenny, Wexford and South Tipperary
South-West	Cork City, Cork County and Kerry

Area under selected cereals, May/June 2008

'000 ha

Country	Wheat	Oats	Barley
European Union 27	¹ 26,464	*	*
Austria	297	27	186
Belgium	224	5	55
Bulgaria	1,112	25	223
Cyprus	5	3	35
Czech Republic	802	49	482
Denmark	637	¹ 75	716
Estonia	107	34	137
Finland	220	373	613
France	5,504	100	1,803
Germany	3,214	180	1,962
Greece	657	84	150
Hungary	1,126	62	332
Ireland	105	23	181
Italy	2,282	143	325
Latvia	257	66	131
Lithuania	¹ 404	¹ 68	¹ 333
Luxembourg	¹ 15	¹ 1	¹ 10
Malta	*	*	*
Netherlands	157	2	50
Poland	2,278	551	1,207
Portugal	79	53	53
Romania	¹ 2,103	¹ 198	¹ 399
Slovakia	374	17	213
Slovenia	35	2	19
Spain	2,067	499	3,462
Sweden	361	223	402
United Kingdom	2,046	*	*

¹ Provisional

* Data not available

Source: Eurostat website <http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu> and national data